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For: **WIDE ANGLE IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 17, 2003. The one month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire January 17, 2004.

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In view of the following election and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to conduct a first substantive examination on the merits.

REMARKS

Originally filed Claims 1-5 have been subjected to an Election of Species Requirement.

By this Response to Election Requirement a provisional election of one of the disclosed species and identification of the claims reading thereon is made.